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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/49/607)]

49/160. Proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/111 of 20 December 1993, in which it emphasized that the ultimate goal of restructuring should be to strengthen the programmes for the advancement of women and to enhance the efficiency of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in function, structure and cost-effectiveness,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/51 of 3 November 1994, in which the Council emphasized that the advancement of women should be an integral part of the economic and social development process within the main global issues, such as women's particupation in the peace process, in national and international governance, sustainable development and gender equality,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111; 1/

2. Takes note also of the questions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ and its conclusion that further studies are necessary before a definite decision can be made on the question of the proposed merger;

1/ A/49/217-E/1994/103.

2/ A/49/365-E/1994/119.

3. Urges the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions so that the requests and recommendations made by the Assembly in its resolution 48/111 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1994/51 are implemented;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, an updated report, which would contain, inter alia, the information requested in Council decision 1993/235 of 27 July 1993 and in paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, as well as the additional information requested by the Advisory Committee;

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council to re-examine the issue, at a resumed session to take place after the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace and before the Third Committee of the General Assembly considers the item on the advancement of women at the fiftieth session, taking into account the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session, of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women;

6. Decides to take a final decision at its fiftieth session on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, taking into account the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council and the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session and of the Fourth World Conference on Women concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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